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SUMMARY- RIOTS SEPTEMBER 2 IN "COLORED" HANOVER PARK AREA

LEFT AT LEAST ONE DEAD AND SEVERAL INJURED. STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN CENTRAL CITY RESULTED IN SURPRISINGLY LITTLE PHYSICAL DAMAGE.

"COLORED " LEADERS HAVE CALLED FOR TALKS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. POLICE ANNOUNCED FINDING CACHE OF PETROL BOMBS ON UWC CAMPUS. END SUMMARY

1. ACCORDING NEWS REPORTS, AT LEAST ONE PERSON WAS KILLED AND SEVERAL WOUNDED IN CLASHES BETWEEN STONE-THROWING CROWDS AND POLICE IN THE "COLORED" COMMUNITY OF HANOVER PARK OUTSIDE CAPE TOWN. FOLLOWING A BY-NOW FAMILIAR PATTERN, POLICE WERE CALLED IN TO BREAK UP CROWD OF STONE-THROWING STUDENTS AT AN AREA

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HIGH SCHOOL. CROWD THEN GATHERED AT HANOVER PARK CIVIC

CENTRE WHERE WINDOWS WERE SMASHED, SHOPS LOOTED, AND FIRE WAS SET IN MUNICIPAL RENT OFFICES. MOST INJURIES REPORTEDLY OCCURRED AS POLICE FIRED BIRD SHOT TO DISPERSE CROWDS TRYING TO SURROUND FIRE TRUCKS CALLED TO THE SCENE. ISOLATED INCIDENTS PE STONE-THROWING AND ATTEMPTED ARSON CONTINUED THROUGHOUT DAY IN HANOVER PARK AND AT SEVERAL OTHER "COLORED" AREAS AND REPORTEDLY INTENSIFIED TOWARD EVENING IN HANOVER PARK.

2. DEMONSTRATIONS IN CENTER OF CAPE TOWN ((BEFTE)) RESULTED IN SURPRISINGLY FEW INJURIES AND PHYSICAL DAMAGE WAS APPARENTLY LIMITED TO A FEW BROKEN WINDOWS AND MINOR LOOTING. NEWS REPORTS AND EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS INDICATE THAT STUDENTS WHRE AT PAINS TO AVOID CLASHES,FREQUENTLY CALLING OUT "NO VIOLENCE" AND "KEEP MOVING"OG COMMENT- MAJOR EFFECT OF CENTER CITY DEMONSTRATIONS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN PSYCHOLOGICAL. IT IS FIRST TIME "WHITE" CITIZENS HAVE HAD ACTUAL PHYSICAL EXPERIENCE OF DISORDERS WHICH PREVIOUSLY THEY ENCOUNTERED MAINLY THROUGH PRESS AND TV ACCOUNTS. DEMONSTRATORS, ON OTHER HAND, MAY HAVE GOTTEN EVEN MORE THAN THEY HOPED FOR IN TERMS WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY. END COMMENT: "COLORED" LEADERS, INCLUDING TRADE UNION LEADER AND FORMER CITY COUNCILLOR NORMAN DANIEL AND LABOR PARTY LEADER SONNY LEON CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE TALKS BETWEEN TOP SAG OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS. LEON CITED DETENTION OF COLORED LEADERS AS ONE CAUSE OF VIOLENCE AND SAID TIME WOULD COME WHEN COLORED LEADERS WOULD NO LONGER BE ABLE TO CONTROL "THE KIDS". IN MEANTIME, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CAPE TOWN CITY COUNCIL CONTINUES TO MEET WITH COLORED "LEADERS" (SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES) IN EFFORT TO FIND WAYS TO EASE TENSIONS.

4. AT "COLORED" UVERSITY OF WESTERN CAPE, SCENE OF EARLIER UNREST, CLASSESAPPEAR TO BE RETURNING TO NORMAL. HOWEVER, POLICE ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 2 FINDING CACHES OF PETROL BOMBS IN CEILING OF STUDENT HOSTEL AND IN CLASSROOM AT UWC. A STUDENT PREVIOUSLY EXPELLED BY UWC RECTOR FOR THREATS OF VIOLENCE WAS ARRESTED AND POLICE INDICATED INVESTIGATIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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WERE CONTINUING. COMMENT- THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONAL ALLEGATIONS DURING PAST WEEKS OF "INVOLVEMENT" OF UWC STUDENTS IN UNREST AND PROTEST ACTIONS AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

END COMMENT.

5. AS THIS REPORT BEING WRITTEN (MORYING SEPTEMBER 3) POLICE HAVE AGAIN BLOCKED OFF ADDERLEY STREET, AND HAVE BEGUN FIRING

TEAR GAS.

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